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# Family Safety Center



## *Hope for victims. Healing for families.*

### **Dear Family Safety Center Supporter:**

This month marks the one-year anniversary of Family Safety Center's official grand opening on April 26, 2012. Around this time last year, there was an air of anticipation and excitement surrounding the long-awaited opening of the center, and the partners were eager to start this new venture together in order to better serve victims of domestic violence in our community.

Over the last 12 months, that passion for serving victims and their families has continuously fueled the collaborative efforts of our organization, and with the support received from the center's financial donors, we have been able to make a positive impact on the lives of hundreds victims and their families.

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## **Domestic Violence Exists in Memphis and Shelby County**

The **Memphis Police  
Department's Real Time Crime  
Center** reported **1,453 domestic  
violence offenses** in March.



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are supporting  
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Center with your neighbors, family and friends. You  
may end up saving a life.

Sincerely,  
Olliette Murry-Drobot, executive director  
Family Safety Center of Memphis and Shelby  
County

## **FSC Hosts Memphis City Council and Shelby County Commission**

FSC recently hosted several members of the Memphis City Council and the Shelby County Commission for a visit, tour of the center and progress report on the organization's efforts over the last 12 months.



FSC executive director Olliette Murry-Drobot, along with several partners including Shelby County Sheriff's Department, Memphis Police Department, District Attorney General's Office, Shelby County Division of Community Services and Exchange Club Family Center, shared results of the collaboration. Murry-Drobot presented information on who the center serves, the impact of FSC and the organization's efforts in partnership development. She also outlined the organization's ongoing priorities and next steps for the coming year. Attendees concluded with a tour of the Shelby County Crime Victims Center and Rape Crisis Center.

The partners were thrilled with this opportunity and with the turnout of council and commission members who care about and support the work of FSC! To view more photos from the meeting and reception, check out our [Facebook album](#).

## **Partner Spotlight: Memphis Shelby Crime Commission**

These cases included assaults, vandalisms, burglary, violations of orders of protection, threatening and harassing phone calls, stalking and documented verbal argument memos.

## **Bumpus Harley Davidson and Memphis Hog Chapter 'Cook Up' Donations for FSC**

The Memphis Hog Chapter and Bumpus Harley Davidson recently held a chili cook-off and poker run to benefit FSC. The groups were able to present FSC executive director Olliette Murry-Drobot with a check for \$1,200, in support of the organization's mission to serve domestic violence victims in our community.



To view photos from the event, click on the photo above.

## **FSC Benefits from V- Day Memphis Production**



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years before its official opening last year, although the commission only recently became an official partner with the signing of a memorandum of understanding at the last partnership meeting.

Established in April 1997 by the Plough Foundation and Guardsmark, Inc., the Crime Commission is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that acts as a catalyst to bring agencies together to focus on innovative crime prevention methods and has created unprecedented partnerships with businesses, schools, neighborhood associations, hospitals, public safety agencies and local violence prevention organizations working to make Memphis and Shelby County a safer place.

A partnership with The University of Memphis' Center for Community Criminology and Research (C3R) enables the Crime Commission to obtain crime trend analysis, research, federal grant writing and management to support its crime-reduction initiative, Operation: Safe Community.

To learn more about the Crime Commission and Operation: Safe Community, visit [www.operationsafecommunity.com](http://www.operationsafecommunity.com).



*Pictured: Cristin Laird and Elizabeth Cawein with V-Day Memphis.*

V-Day Memphis, a women's movement on a mission to end violence against girls and women, recently delivered a check for \$469 to FSC. The donation stemmed from funds raised at the Valentine's Day production of "Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues" at Circuit Playhouse in Midtown.

We were thrilled to partner with another organization that is working to end violence and provide a safer future for women. Thank you for the wonderful donation!

## Upcoming Support Group Meetings

### **YWCA Spanish-Speaking Victims Support Group**

Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.

### **Exchange Club Victims Support Group**

Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m.

## Other Upcoming Events

## ***DV in the News: Chicago Domestic Violence Exhibit Shocks Passers-by***

### **Chicago Tribune LIFESTYLES**

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#### **Brotman: 'Silent Witness' exhibit tells victims' stories**

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Memorial a powerful and, possibly, personal reminder of domestic violence

April 08, 2013 | Barbara Brotman

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Cindy Bischof was gunned down by her ex-boyfriend in 2008. But she was there, in a way, at an exhibit last week at Northeastern Illinois University.

So was Kimberly Vaughn, shot to death with her three children by her husband in 2007 in the family SUV.

And Vida McCree, strangled and stuffed into a suitcase in 2004. Magdalena Kwasnik, stabbed



Student Heather Chilson reacts to the "Silent Witness" exhibit.

#### **Bone Cancer Warning**

Know The Warning Signs Of Bone Cancer. Read Expert Advice Here Now [symptomfind.com/BoneCancerSigns](http://symptomfind.com/BoneCancerSigns)



Last week, the Chicago North Shore Section of the





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representing female victims and one blue silhouette for a single male victim were displayed in the lobby of the university's student union, each bearing the name and story of a victim.

Some of the victims were expected to be well-known by passers-by, as their cases appeared in local newspapers, but several were only previously known by the friends and family who still mourn their deaths. All of the stories were quite shocking to those who stopped to read them.

The *Chicago Tribune* wrote an article about the Northwestern exhibit, including excerpts from several of the victims' stories. You can access it [here](#) or by clicking on the photo above.

"Silent Witness" was created in 1990 in Minnesota by a group of female writers and artists. They went on to establish the Silent Witness National Initiative to encourage the creation of such exhibits nationwide. There are now exhibits in all 50 states and in 35 countries. The National Council of Jewish Women's Chicago North Shore Section created Illinois' first exhibit in 1996.

## Meet Our Partners



There are many partner agencies that work with FSC to serve victims of domestic violence.

**[Click here to learn more.](#)**



## Daddy to Daddy "Come Hear Son"

An evening of stories shared by Men

**April 26, 2013, 6:30 p.m.**

First Congregational Church  
1000 S. Copper

Through a Playback performance, Daddy to Daddy "Come Hear Son" provides a space where men can share their stories to relieve the stress that has been building from years of: anger, hurt, pain, loss and being misunderstood. In a Playback performance, audience members share true stories from their lives and then watch as a team of actors, dancers, and musician 'play it back' without script, score, or rehearsal.

For more information, contact  
S.O.L.I.D.s Safety All Around at 901-458-6683  
or [solidsnetwork@bellsouth.net](mailto:solidsnetwork@bellsouth.net).



## Premiere Showing of "Missing Micah," a Documentary

**April 29, 2013, 7:00 p.m.**

Malco Stage Cinema (Screen 7)  
7930 Stage Road, Bartlett, TN

Free admission but a ticket is required. Donations go to the



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**Saving Ourselves Symposium,**  
Presented by The Red Door  
Foundation

**June 6-9, 2013**

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